



BIRKENHEAD
SCHOOL

School Curriculum



The Prep Curriculum Years 1-6

The Prep
Ages 4-11

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We want all of our children to develop in a lively, stimulating environment in which exciting opportunities are created for learning to take place.

As an independent school we offer a broader curriculum that goes beyond the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum. Activities and learning opportunities for our children are well planned to match the development stage of each child.

Subject	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
English/Literacy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Phonics	✓	✓				
Mathematics/Numeracy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Science	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
History	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Geography	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Art	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Music	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Religious Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Design & Technology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Computing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Games	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cookery						✓
Future Skills			✓	✓	✓	✓
Enrich & Explore	✓	✓				
French		✓		✓	✓	
Spanish	✓		✓			
Mandarin						✓
Classics						✓
Drama					✓	✓
Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship & Emotional Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outdoor Learning	✓	✓				

Beyond the Curriculum

Enrich & Explore (Years 1 & 2)

All pupils within Years 1 and 2 complete our innovative 'Enrich and Explore' programme. The programme runs across the two year groups and covers a range of subjects including:

- Sign Language
- Nature
- Animal Care
- Problem solving / Team building
- Mindfulness
- Handicraft
- Speech & Language / Drama



Future Skills (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Pupils within Years 3 to 6 progress onto our 'Future Skills' course which covers a range of modules including:

- Problem Solving
- Philosophical Enquiry
- Independent Study
- General Knowledge
- Communication
- Integrated Task Module—combines each of the above modules into one combined task



The Prep School Day

Below is an example of the Prep School Day—timings vary according to Year Group

8.40am (Years 3-6) 8.50am (Reception, Years 1&2)	Registration followed by activities such as Assembly / Chapel / Phonics
9.00am	Lessons Start
Mid-Morning	Break
Midday	Lunch / Co-Curricular Activities
Mid-Afternoon	Break
3.30pm (Reception, Years 1&2) 3.40pm (Years 3-6)	End of School Day / Co-Curricular Activities

The following clubs are available for parents who need to arrange care for their child outside of School hours:

Fun Club

Fun Club caters for children in Pre-Prep, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 after the school day until 6pm (at an additional cost). For families in receipt of the Government's childcare funding (30 hours per week), some extended hours are covered for children not attending all 5 days of the week). The children are provided with a snack and drink and then they relax, play and enjoy being with friends in a caring and stimulating environment.

Homework Club

Homework Club is available until 6pm (at an additional cost) and pupils are supported during this time to complete homework. They are provided with a snack and a drink before beginning their homework.

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